Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata data, the growth rate of export and import in dollar terms during last three years and this year till date are as follows:—

	Export(%)	Import (%)
1997-98	4.6	6.0
1998-99	(−)5.1	2.2
1999-2000*	11.6	10.2
2000-2001* (April-Feb)	20.03	6.65

*Provisional

In the last two year exports have been increasing. Imports have not shown any significant increase this year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Export promotion being a constant endeavor of the Government, a number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction costs through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the EXIM Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Special Economic Zones are being set up to further boost exports.

Implementation of Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty

4129. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty is not being strictly followed between the two countries;

(b) whether Government are aware that the importing goods such as electronic, garments, Chinese silk, sandals, shoes etc, have been carried over to our side instead of the importable goods which are under the Treaty; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken up to restrict the listing of these goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The bilateral trade between India and Myanmar through the border points of Moreh and Tamu is taking place smoothly as per the Border Trade Agreement (BTA).

(b) and (c) The Border Tade Agreement between India and Myanmar provides for exchange of commodities identified for exchange by residents living along the border between India and Myanmar. The border point of Morch on the Indian side is manned by the Custom authorities. As per the information being received from the Land Custom Station, Moreh, import of goods such as electronic goods, garments, Chinese Silk, sandals, shoes etc. from Myanmar into India is not taking place under the BTA.

Quality control on export products

4130. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different items produced in this country which are exportable to other countries;

(b) the steps taken to produce quality controlled exportable goods from this country; and

(c) the benefits that accrued to after the signing of WTO agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) As per the latest provisional data for April—February, 2000-2001 from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, export are valued at US dollar 39545.67 million which is 20.03% higher over the corresponding period last year.